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SUBJ: USIA DIRECTOR KEOUGH VISITS PHNOM PENH

BANGKOK AND SINGAPORE FOR DIRECTOR KEOUGH

USIA FOR IEA

1. IN A 6-HOUR VISIT 13 JANUARY USIA DIRECTOR KEOUGH CALLED

SUCCESSIVELY ON PRESIDENT LON NOL AND PRIME MINISTER
LONG BORET, LUNCHEON WITH CABINET, INFORMATION AND PSYWAR
OFFICIALS, AND VISITED THE PRIVATELY-SPONSORED ETAPP
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTER.

2. WITH LON NOL, DIRECTOR KEOUGH STRESSED THE ADMIN-
ISTRATION'S STRONG CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE KHMER
REPUBLIC. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME AMERICANS DOUBT

THAT THE GKR HAS THE DETERMINATION TO SURVIVE. AN
AUTHORITATIVE GKR PERFORMANCE IN THE CURRENT DRY
SEASON CAMAPIGN WOULD MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS REESTABLISHING AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR
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THE GKRU. LON NOL EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ONGOING U.S.

SUPPORT, BUT THANKED DIRECTOR KEOGH ALSO FOR HIS REALISTIC APPRAISAL FOR AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH "THE GKR MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INO ORDER TO ACT EFFECTIVELY."

3. COMMENT: COMING AT A CRITICAL MILITARY HIGH POINT, DIRECTOR KEOGH'S VISIT AND STATEMENTS WERE VISIBLE REASSURING TO THE KHMER. BOTH LON NOL AND LONG BORET WILL PLAY THE VISIT BACK TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITS MORALE BUILDING IMPACT.

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